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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property: Street 1521 West Baltimore Street
 City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21223
 Name of historic district in which property is located Union Square

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

1521 West Baltimore Street is a four story, three bay wide commercial structure constructed of stretcher bond brick. The first floor wooden storefront features a central entrance to the store flanked by two

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

This building is significant as a representative example of both commercial architecture and useage along West Baltimore Street, an important commercial area of the city since the mid-nineteenth century.

Date of construction (if known): c. 1875 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____ (continued)

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name H. Löwenthal & Sons Limited Partnership c/o Harris J. Belinkie
 Street 3041 South Buchanan Street
 City Arlington State VA Zip Code 22206
 Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (703) 931-1134

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature H. Löwenthal & Sons Limited Partnership Date 5/3/80

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6), ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.Signature [Signature] Date 5-1-80
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

is hereby certified a historic structure.

does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet:

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

Description Cont.

show windows and an entrance to the upper floors on the left. The storefront is boarded over at the present. Four transoms surmount the show windows and recessed entrance. All originally were tripartite, however two presently have single lights. Two brick steps lead to the entrance to the upper floors. A simple wood cornice completes the storefront. The upper floor windows feature wood sills and splayed brick lintels. A large wooden cornice with modillions and simple dentils completes the front facade. The adjoining building, 1523 West Baltimore Street, was designed in a similar fashion to this building however it has been completely gutted and only retains its front facade.

The interior of the building has been gutted by fire, for the most part. The interior has badly damaged plaster walls and a tile floor in the store portion of the building. A one story back building has a collapsed roof.

Significance Cont.

The West Baltimore Street commercial area rapidly grew in the second half of the nineteenth century and by 1880 nearly all of the buildings along major portions of the street were used for small businesses. During the 1920s, the area was at its business peak and housed some major national chain stores such as A & P and Singer Sewing Machines, as well as growing local chain stores such as Arundel Ice Cream. Three major theatres were located in this section of West Baltimore Street in the early twentieth century as well as some larger manufacturing uses such as the Foos Candy Company. After World War II, the surrounding neighborhood and commercial area went through a stage of deterioration. Today, with innovative programs like shopsteading, and a great deal of residential rehabilitation in Union Square, this historic section of Baltimore is undergoing revitalization.

1521 West Baltimore Street dates from c. 1875 and was probably built by Emanuel Brickerd, a local carpenter whose name appears in early land records for the property. This building housed a saloon from the 1880s through the era of prohibition. During the 1920s, it was used for a delicatessen. Since the 1930s a variety of uses have been housed at 1529 West Baltimore Street including a tailor shop, liquor store, plumber's headquarters and a home finance company. The building has been vacant for many years.

Although the interior of this building is largely gutted by fire, the exterior front facade is fairly intact and retains a late nineteenth century storefront and substantial cornice. It is contemporary of surrounding buildings and compatible to the late nineteenth century flavor of the street. The rehabilitation of this building through the shopsteading program will enhance revitalization efforts in this area and return an important element within the West Baltimore streetscape to its original appearance.

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